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In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97, Applicant hereby makes of record the following additional documents. A PTO Form SB/08 accompanies this statement.

Applicant has become aware of the following documents, an International Search Report and Written Opinion both issued on April 5, 2005, during the prosecution of international application No. PCT/US04/040601, which corresponds to the above-referenced application, and in accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(c) and (e)(1) or (b)(3), hereby submits these documents for the Examiner's consideration. These documents are cited on the enclosed PTO Form SB/08 and copies of the International Search Report and Written Opinion are enclosed as well.

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